A PROCLAMATION

For a National Faſt and Humiliation.

ANNE by the Grace of God, Queen of Great *Britain*, *France* and *Ireland*, Defender of the Faith; To Macers of Our Privy Council, Meſſengers at Arms; Our Sheriffs in that part, Conjunctly and Severally, Specially Conſtitute, Greeting: *For as much as*, We taking to Our ſerious Conſideration, the many Cauſes there are for appointing a Day for publick Faſting and Humiliation, for Prayers and Supplications to be made to Almighty God, throughout this Kingdom; both by reaſon of abounding Sins and Provocations: And for Imploring and Obtaining the Favour and Bleſſing of God upon us, our Councils and Forces, both by Sea and Land; for the Preſervation of the true Proteſtant Religion; and of theſe Our Dominions, and the Defence of all the Churches of Chriſt, and Liberties of *Europe*. And that the General Aſſembly of this Church, have Appointed a General Faſt to be kept, for the abovementioned Cauſes, and other Reaſons contained in their Act: And have made Application to Our Privy Council, for Interpoſing of Our Authority for that effect. Therefore, We with Advice of our Privy Council, Appoint the ſaid Faſt for Prayer and Supplication to Almighty God, to be Solemnly and Generally Obſerved throughout this Kingdom on the Days following, *viz.* The Twenty Third Day of *May* next, on this ſide the River *Tay*. And the Sixth Day of *June* thereafter, on the other ſide of *Tay*. Strictly hereby Commanding all Miniſters, and others concerned, That they be careful of the Obſervance of the Premiſſes: Under the Certifications contained in former Proclamations for General Faſts, which are here held as Repeated. *Our Will is Herefore*, That you paſs, and make Publick Proclamation of this Our Pleaſure, at the Mercat Croſs of *Edinburgh*, and all other Places needful. And that theſe preſents, with the foreſaid Act of the General Aſſembly be Printed and Publiſhed. And that Our Solicitors Tranſmit and Diſperſe Printed Copies thereof, to all Miniſters, and others concerned, in the uſual manner, that none pretend Ignorance. Given under Our Signet at *Edinburgh*, the Seventeenth Day of *April*; and of Our Reign the Fifth Year, 1706.

Per Actum Dominorum, Secreti Concilii.

RO. FORBES, *Cls. Sti. Concilii.*

GOD Save the Queen.

ACT

ACT of the General Assembly, anent a Solemn Fast.

At EDINBURGH *the 16th of* April 1706.

THE General Assembly considering this Nation's unthankfulness for, and unfruitfulness under the Gospel, and how Sin and Wickedness doth bound every where in the Land, and Prophaneness and Popery, and other gross Errors increase and grow, and the great danger the Protestant Religion and the Reformed Churches are in, through the sad distress and grievous persecution of some of them, and the dangerous condition of others, the continuance of a Bloody War, the decay of Trade and impoverishing of the Nation: And likewise, considering how much the Welfare and Safety of this Church and Nation dependeth on the preservation of the Queens Majesties Person, and the Conduct and Success of Her Counsels, and the Result of the Treaty now on foot, concerning the Union of both Kingdoms of *Scotland* and *England*. Upon these and divers other weighty Considerations, the General Assembly find it their Duty to call all Ranks of Persons in this Church and Nation, to solemn Fasting and Prayer, and to Humiliation and Reformation, Beseeching and Obtesting all and every one to search and try their ways, and turn unto the LORD, and to seek His Face and Favour. And the General Assembly recommends to all the Ministers of this Church, that with due Prudence & Zeal, they do in their Preaching Reprove and Warne of, and in Prayer confess and acknowledge the National and Epidemical crying Sins both of former and present times, particularly enumerated in the Causes of former publick Fasts, especially 1690, 1700, and 1701 years, and these chiefly which abound in the Respective Places where the Ministers labour. And the General Assembly Recommends and Appoints, That fervent Prayers be poured out to GOD, that He would of His abundant Grace and Mercy grant to all a humbling Sight and Sense of former & present Sins, and give Repentance for & Remission of them, for the Blood of the LORD JESUS CHRIST Our SAVIOUR, and that GOD would continue the Gospel with us, and bless it with more Success, and that it would please Him graciously to put a stop to the growth of Prophaneness and Popery, and that Magistrats and Ministers and every one in their due Place may be directed and animated to more effectual and vigorous Endeavours for discouraging, suppressing and punishing Popery and Prophaneness, & all Error & Ungodliness, & for reforming themselves & the Land, & that all Schism, Division, Dissention & Discord may cease, & we may all become one in the Lord. That GOD would long preserve and eminently bless our gracious Soveraign the Queen, direct Her Counsels, and bless and prosper Her Forces, and these of Her Allies by Sea and Land, in defence of the Reformed Protestant Religion, and just Liberties of *Europe*. And that GOD would pity and relieve such of his Churches and People as are under the Cross, and suffering for the Truth, and Support and Establish them, and Refine them in, and bring them out of the Furnace, and that He would preserve His Churches which are in danger, and would defeat all designs against the Reformed Churches and Protestant Religion. And that GOD would bless the Season of the Year, that there may be Food for Man and Beast. And *Lastly*, That GOD would mercifully and graciously direct such as are Commissioned both in this and the Kingdom of *England*, for treating about an Union of both Kingdoms, that all may be done to the Glory of GOD and Good of this Church, and of all Her Majesties Dominions.

Signed in Name of the General Assembly, by me
WILL. WISHEART, Moderator.

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